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## SOURCE

The following observations were made in FRANKFURT/Oder  
(O 53/V 63):

## 1. Siebhorn Kaserne on Muellroser Landstrasse:

a. Northern section: Lightly occupied by transient  
soldiers of various branches of service.

b. Southern section: Infantry unit of about 200 men  
wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The truck  
[REDACTED] was identified.

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## 2. Siethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse:

Lightly occupied by an artillery unit of 200 to 250  
troops. No heavy weapons were observed. The truck  
[REDACTED] was identified.

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## 3. Horn Kaserne on Friedrich-Schert-Strasse:

Rear details wearing black-bordered red epaulets and red-  
bordered black epaulets. Most of the troops from the  
kaserne were still away on maneuvers. The truck  
[REDACTED] was identified.

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## 4. Hindenburg Kaserne on August-Bebel-Strasse:

a. Two hundred to two hundred and fifty troops belonging  
to a rear detail of a tank unit and to a guard detail  
employed in the ration supply depot. The personnel of  
the latter detail wore black-bordered red epaulets.

b. Four tanks were observed in the kaserne area, which  
had arrived on 26 August 1949.

c. About 60 troops with full pack arrived by rail from  
LIEBROSS (N 52/A 49) and moved to the kaserne on 2 Sep-  
tember 1949. The troops carried eight light machine guns.

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## 5. Artillery Kaserne on August-Nebel-Strasse and Westkreuz:

Antiaircraft artillery units totaling about 1,500 troops, eight 76.2-mm antiaircraft guns, ten to twelve 37-mm antiaircraft guns and two charging units were observed in the northern section of the Kaserne area.

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used for the training of drivers

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## 6. Buelow Kaserne on Fuerstenwalder Poststrasse:

One hundred-man rear detail of a tank unit which was away on maneuvers.

## 7. Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaummuehlenstrasse:

One hundred to one hundred and fifty troops with red-bordered black epaulets. No heavy weapons were observed.

## 8. "Gelbe Presse" (Yellow Press) Kommandatura:

a. The Kommandatura unit of about 60 troops with black-bordered red epaulets.

b. The Kommandatura guard unit of about 300 troops was quartered in the former labor office.

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Comment:

The following trucks were observed leaving the Artillerie Kaserne and proceeding along Meilroser Landstrasse on 11 August 1949:

each occupied by ten troops and hauling a 76.2-mm antiaircraft gun

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with mounted searchlight

each loaded with ammunition.

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The observations made by a credible source in Frankfurt/Oder in early September 1949 show that most of the Frankfurt/Oder units of the 7th Wis. Meez Div (Cadre) were still out of town on maneuvers. Only the Artillery Kaserne on August-Nebel-Strasse appeared to be occupied to capacity. According to observed

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and previous information, the Kaserne is believed to be occupied by component units of the 7. Mo. Inf Div (Gadro) of the Fourth GIs Mech Army (Gadro) which probably finished their maneuvers in early September 1949. Another source observed 1,200 troops returning to Kaserne/Gler from maneuvers on 17 September 1949 \*\*

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